

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 9 and 10 are now pending in the present application. Claims 4 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Election/Restriction

Claims 4 and 6 stand withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner as being directed to non-elected invention. As the Examiner will note, claims 4 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to these claims at a later date if it is so desired.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 5, 9 and 10 have been indicated by the Examiner as being allowed. Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner. Since non-elected claims 4 and 6 have been canceled, the present application should now be in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No. 43,368 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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